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Title: ADVANCED DEWATERING SYSTEM)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each non-US Patent document cited in the attached PTO-1449 form is enclosed.

A concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

DE 196 27 891 discloses a process for removing water from a web of paper carried between first and second surfaces, comprises applying a vacuum to the second, air-permeable surface in order to create a falling pressure gradient through the second surface. Also claimed is an arrangement for the process which includes a first impermeable surface and a second air-permeable surface. The paper passes between the two and a vacuum source is applied to the second surface to create a pressure gradient which falls in the direction from the paper through the second surface.

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